

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND OTHER
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
PLAINFIELD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15,

1904

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Meriden in said town on the second Tuesday of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

Art. 1. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Highway Surveyors, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay outstanding notes and interest and all other necessary town expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges above the amount required by law for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Memorial Day.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the School Board the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a bridge at the Beaman Ferry.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise \$15,000 to build a bridge at the Beaman Ferry.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise to build a bridge at the Beaman Ferry.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the expenses of Old Home Week.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to dispense with

delivering inventory blanks until time of taking the inventory.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to the reports of the town officers.

Art. 12. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 16th day of February, 1904.

ROBERT R. PENNIMAN	}	Selectmen
OZRO V. EASTMA		of
FRANK W. TRUE		Plainfield

A true copy of warrant.—Attest.

ROBERT R. PENNIMAN	}	Selectmen
OZRO V. EASTMAN		of
FRANK W. TRUE		PLAINFIELD

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory of town taken April 1st, 1903:

No. of polls, 277	\$ 27700 00
Real estate	397830 00
Horses, 431	23267 00
Oxen, 98	6044 00
Cows, 799	19583 00
Neat, 345	6666 00
Sheep, 1508	3734 00
Vehicles	1095 00
Bank stock	12600 00
Money at interest	27376 00
Stock in trade	14455 00
Mills	3400 00
	\$543850 00

Amount of taxes raised for all purposes:—

State tax	\$ 841 50
County tax	1559 87
Town tax	2000 00
Town hall	250 00
School tax	1176 00
School tax extra	230 00
Schoolhouse repairs	150 00
School board	100 00
Memorial Day	25 00
Library	58 80
Meriden Band	50 00
Old Home Week	50 00
Plain cemetery	40 00
Highways	1359 62
“ extra	500 00
Percentage	310 81
	\$8701 60

Rate \$1 60

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1903	\$ 1331 85	
Total receipts during the year	10318 13	
	-----	\$11649 98

DISBURSEMENTS

Total disbursements during the year	\$9853 10	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1904	1796 88	
	-----	\$11649 98

DEBT

Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1903	\$4733 31	
Assets, "	3248 24	
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1903,	-----	\$485 07
Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1904,	\$4823 47	
Assets,	3893 95	
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1904	-----	\$929 52
Decrease of balance during the year		\$555 55

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1903	\$1331 85	
Taxes from collectors	8521 97	
Savings Bank tax	252 84	
Literary fund	112 69	
R. R. tax	76 04	
County support of paupers	630 88	
" of dependent soldiers	149 55	
Dog licenses	194 67	
Land rent	51 00	
Westgate-Peterson cemetery fund	150 00	
Bounties on hedghogs	91 75	
Miscellaneous	86 74	
	-----	\$11649 98

DISBURSEMENTS

Town officers	\$ 338 75	
County poor	678 83	
Dependent soldiers' aid	201 63	
Town poor	237 07	
Highways and bridges	1788 49	
Support of schools	1726 41	
School board	100 00	
School supplies	189 04	
Schoolhouse repairs	150 00	
State tax	841 50	
County tax	1559 87	
Interest on trust funds	47 75	
Tuition of scholars	840 00	
Debt and interest	260 00	
Town library	58 80	
Memorial Day	54 20	
Dog orders	61 75	
Librarians	50 00	
Bounties on hedghogs	98 75	
Painting cemetery fence	66 82	
Old Home Week	50 00	
Meriden Band	50 00	
Damage on highway	52 00	
Miscellaneous	351 44	
		\$9853 10

LIABILITIES

Outstanding notes and interest	\$3340 27
Lucy P. Chamberlin cemetery fund	600 00
Interest on same	36 00
Westgate-Peterson cemetery fund	150 00
Interest on same	4 50
Cyrus Smith cemetery fund	50 00
Dog fund	132 92
Highway fund	69 01
Perley Roberts, services as clerk	20 00
E. G. Kenyon " treasurer	40 00
R. R. Penniman, " selectman	68 75
O. V. Eastman, " "	40 00
F. W. True, " "	35 00
Overseers of poor	25 00
S. W. Clark, collector	100 00
School board	100 00
W. W. Jordan, dist. treasurer	8 00
Money overdrawn from county	4 02
	\$4823 47

ASSETS

Due from state on R. R. tax	\$ 12 20
Due from county	312 21
H. W. Chellis, land rent	26 68
John F. Duncan Est., "	2 55
Joseph Goodwin, "	19 50
L. E. Shipman, "	8 00
O. A. Stearns, "	13 80
D. W. Cross, "	11 66
Charles French, "	2 50
S. W. Clark, collector 1899	1 86
" 1900	15 54
" 1901	86 18
" 1902	268 11
" 1903	1316 28
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1904	1796 88
	\$3893 95
Balance against the town, Feb. 15, 1904	\$ 555 55

Last October some benevolent person whose name is unknown gave the town "An Annual Free Bed" in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. This makes it possible for residents of the town to receive the best care and medical treatment without any expense whatever. Unless renewed the gift expires in one year.

ROBERT R. PENNIMAN	}	Selectmen
OZRO V. EASTMAN		of
FRANK W. TRUE		Plainfield

PAUPER ACCOUNT

The overseers have paid on orders of selectmen for support of county poor as follows:—

Lois Brocklebank	\$ 86 96
Thankful Brocklebank	87 63
Irvin H. Eaton	66 00
Sophia Watson	142 60
Lurinda Drew	54 50
John Morse	151 99
Ada Jordan	17 50
William Walker	42 80
Mrs. George Cole	22 85
Transient	6 00
	\$678 83

Dependent soldiers' aid

A. J. Chapman	\$90 45
John Westgate	88 00
D. B. Alexander	4 37
Mary Short	18 81
	\$201 63

Town charges

Gardner Gale	\$ 16 50
Will Alexander	38 54
Three Alexander children	182 03
	\$237 07

	\$1117 53
Money overdrawn	49 11

Total amount of orders	\$1166 64
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For which they furnish the following vouchers

Cash paid treasurer received from county May term	\$423 40
Cash paid " " Nov. term	357 03
Cash paid treasurer on order overdrawn	49 11
Due from county, Feb. 15, 1904, per receipts	312 21
Paid for support of town poor, "	237 07
Total	<u>\$1378 82</u>
Due from county, Feb. 15, 1903	208 16
Vouchers for year ending Feb. 15, 1904	<u>\$1170 66</u>
Overdrawn from county Nov. term	4 02
Total amount of orders	<u>\$1166 64</u>

Due from county Feb. 15, 1904

Lois Brocklebank	\$19 79
Thankful Brocklebank	27 50
Irwin H. Eaton	16 25
Sophia Watson	62 60
Lurinda Drew	14 50
John Morse	96 57
William Walker	11 15
Transient	3 00
	<u>\$251 36</u>

Dependent soldiers' aid

A. J. Chapman	\$34 60
John Westgate	26 25
	<u>\$60 85</u>
	<u>\$312 21</u>

OZRO V. EASTMAN }
F. W. TRUE } Overseers of poor

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT

Due from collector's 1899 book		\$15 18
Collected	\$13 32	
Now due	1 86	

\$15 18

S. W. CLARK, collector

Due from collector's 1900 book		\$137 22
Collected	\$88 30	
Abated	33 38	
Now due	15 54	

\$137 22

S. W. CLARK, collector

Due from collector's 1901 book		\$262 05
Collected	\$151 65	
Abated	24 22	
Now due	86 18	

\$262 05

S. W. CLARK, collector.

Due from collector's 1902 book		\$1201 53
Collected	\$896 94	
Abated	36 48	
Now due	268 11	

\$1201 53

S. W. CLARK, collector.

Amount on collector's 1903 book		\$8701 60
Collected	\$7368 01	
Abated	17 31	
Now due	1316 28	

\$8701 60

Interest collected \$3 75

S. W. CLARK, collector.

DOG REPORT

Received from town clerk for licenses		\$194 67
Paid Chas. A. Williams	\$ 2 25	
“ W. W. Freeman	34 00	
“ C. J. Mason	4 00	
“ H. A. Gilson	3 00	
“ F. J. Chadbourne	4 50	
“ H. A. Gilson, constable	5 00	
“ Selectmen, examinations	9 00	
		\$61 75
Balance in treasury		
		\$132 92

F. W. TRUE, Selectman.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

DR.

Cash received for licenses	\$213 67
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CR.

Cash paid treasurer	\$194 67
Fees on 95 dogs	19 00
	\$213 67

TRUST FUNDS

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLIN CEMETERY FUND

DR.

To cash unexpended in 1902	\$ 3 44	
To one year's interest	36 00	
		\$39 44

CR.

By cash paid for labor and material	\$28 64	
Remaining in hands of trustee	10 80	
		\$39 44

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLIN, Trustee.

CLARA FREEMAN CEMETERY FUND

Fund in Dartmouth Savings Bank	\$138 72
Interest due	4 24
Received for care of lot	5 60

WILLIS K. DANIELS, Trustee.

CYRUS SMITH FUND

Fund in town treasury	\$50 00
Received for care of lot	75

O. V. EASTMAN, Trustee.

JUNIUS A. SPENCER FUND	\$300 00
Cash paid for care of lot	1 00

SELECTMEN, Trustees.

ESTHER F. WRIGHT FUND

Amount in town treasury	\$100 00
Paid proportionate part for improvements in yard and for care of lot	\$10 00

W. W. FREEMAN, Agent.

WESTGATE-PETERSON FUND

Amount in town treasury	\$150 00
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JOHN W. PETERSON, Trustee.

SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

HIGHWAY FUND

Amount raised by law	\$1359 62
“ vote of town	500 00
	\$1859 62

EXPENDITURES

The surveyors have expended	\$1477 69
The selectmen have paid by special order	
Proportionate part expense grading hill near Dr. Haywood's	100 00 ⁽¹⁾
Work done by C. H. Peterson on Churchill road	100 00 ⁽²⁾
O. A. Stearns, for plank	67 60
D. C. Westgate, “	43 20
	\$1788 49
Due the fund	\$71 13

⁽¹⁾Dr. Haywood contributed \$50.00

⁽²⁾Mr. Winston Churchil contributed \$50.00

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

E. G. KENYON, TREASURER

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1903	\$1331 85
Received of Perley Roberts, licensing dogs	194 67
O. V. Eastman, same received from county support of paupers	630 88
O. V. Eastman, same received from county support of dependent soldiers	149 55
Isabella T. Green, land rent	1 75
Chas. French "	5 00
Estate of J. F. Duncan "	5 10
Frank E. Cory, "	5 00
D. W. Cross "	11 66
Frank E. Jenney "	9 16
Elmer E. Wheeler "	13 33
S. A. Carter, state treasurer, bounty on hedgehogs	91 75
Selectmen, same received of Anna B. Westgate and John Peterson, cemetery fund	150 00
Received from overdrawn order	30 55
Received of J. M. Gibson, for hemlock boards	2 08
Jason Johnston, a gift for highway purposes	5 00
Received from overdrawn pauper account	49 11
Received of S. W. Clark, collector, 1899	13 32
" 1900	88 30
" 1901	151 65
" 1902	896 94
" 1903	7368 01

S. A. Carter, state railroad tax	\$ 76 04
“ savings bank tax	252 84
“ literary fund	112 69
S. W. Clark, interest on taxes	3 75
	\$11649 98

PAID ORDERS OF SELECTMEN AS FOLLOWS

E. G. Kenyon, services as town clerk	\$ 25 00
Perley Roberts, “ treasurer	40 00
B. F. Porter, “ selectman	64 00
R. R. Penniman, “ “	46 75
O. V. Eastman, “ “	34 00
B. F. Porter and O. V. Eastman, services as overseers of poor	25 00
S. W. Clark, services as collector for 1902	100 00
E. R. Woodbury, services school board	100 00
“ “ district treasurer	8 00
Lucy P. Chamberlin, interest on cemetery fund	36 00
F. A. Musgrove, printing town reports	29 00
R. H. Penniman, wood for town hall (Meriden)	5 75
E. R. Woodbury, 27 tuitions winter term, K. U. A.	243 00
O. V. Eastman, support paupers	825 00
F. W. True, “	341 64
W. C. Howard, overtax 1901 and 1902	2 92
B. F. Porter, time and expense, Alexander case	7 76
“ services as selectman and overseer of poor from Feb. 15 to March 10	13 00
Martha M. Smith, interest on note	10 00
F. A. Musgrove, printing town orders and dog notices	3 75
F. W. True, expense taking Alexander to Concord	1 38
“ collector's book, juror blanks, and dog licenses	4 35
John Peterson, Memorial Day	54 20
E. R. Woodbury, tuition spring term, 1903	207 00
W. H. Sisson, six flags for the town schools	15 90

L. S. Kenyon, services as librarian and for wood and oil	\$ 25 00
J. M. Gibson, repairs on road machine	8 50
E. G. Fadden, appropriation for Meriden band	50 00
A. J. Bailey, Old Home Day appropriation	50 00
J. D. Wood, damage to horse on culvert	50 00
Mrs. L. S. Kenyon, support of library	58 80
Mrs. Marion Eastman, services as librarian	25 00
S. A. Reed, painting of cemetery fence (Plain)	28 22
E. G. Kenyon, painting “	38 60
Diamond Match Co., support watering trough	2 00
Selectmen's bounties on hedgehogs to July 1, 1903	35 50
Lucy M. Lewin, damage to wagon on culvert	2 00
E. R. Woodbury, principal K. U. A., tuition 26 scholars	390 00
W. W. Freeman, proportionate expense caring for Westgate and Peterson cemetery	10 00
A. L. Hall, recording 3 deeds	1 92
Town of Cornish, one-half expense of surveyor and guide on town line	2 00
Selectmen, perambulation town lines	26 00
J. B. Pike & Co., insurance on town hall (Meriden)	45 00
Selectmen, bounty on 225 hedgehogs from July 1st, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904	56 25
O. S. Bugbee, indorsement on town note	250 00
Mrs. L. S. Kenyon, lamp and 2 book rests for libraries	1 60
J. S. Stickney, repairs on road machine and sharpening picks	4 90
H. E. McCrillis, support water trough 2 years	6 00
B. F. Porter, making out 2 pauper affidavits and deeds to cemetery	2 00
J. W. Westgate, pass over land	4 00
Ira Colby and son, retainer for current year	15 00
R. H. Penniman, water trough	1 50
David Emery, “	2 00
W. P. Thrasher, est., “	2 00
S. W. Clark, “	2 00

O. C. Davis, water trough	\$ 1 50
D. N. Moulton, 2 "	4 00
S. W. Clark, care of Spencer lot	1 00
" 3 stone posts for bounds in Gilkey cemetery	1 50
A. B. Chellis and Fred Moulton, services as auditors	4 00
L. H. Bugbee, M. D., returning births and deaths	3 50
" services and expenses as board of health	6 10
Perley Roberts' estate, recording births, marriages, and deaths	5 25
C. S. Burr, services with hearse	20 00
N. R. Andrews, services as board of health	3 75
D. F. Jordan, pass over land	5 00
	\$9152 27
W. W. Jordan, school supplies	\$189 04
D. C. Westgate, 1 cord stove wood town hall (Plain)	6 00
O. V. Eastman, truant officer	5 00
" care Smith lot	75
James McCann, work on flag pole Whitaker div.	1 50
Stephen Woodward, support water trough 2 years	2 50
Selectmen, bounties on 28 hedgehogs from Jan. 1, 1904, to Feb. 15, 1904	7 00
Selectmen, express, telephoning, postage and blank books	10 40
S. W. Clark, expense in advertising error in non-resident taxes	2 25
Byron French, overtax 1901	3 85
H. C. Daniels, water trough	2 00
M. P. Burpee, county tax	1559 87
S. A. Carter, state tax	841 50

DOG ORDERS

C. A. Williams	2 25
W. W. Freeman	34 00
C. J. Mason	4 00

H. A. Gilson	\$ 3 00
F. J. Chadbourne	4 50
H. A. Gilson, services as dog constable	5 00
Selectmen, examinations	9 00

HIGHWAY ORDERS

J. M. Gibson	840 92
O. A. Stearnes	67 00
E. E. Beers	108 65
Leon Kenyon	92 89
A. L. Hadley	132 47
B. F. Porter	93 55
C. H. Peterson	262 39
David Emery	46 82
J. H. Hammond	100 00
D. C. Westgate	43 20
	\$4481 90

SCHOOL ORDERS

Wesley W. Jordan, support of schools	1726 41
“ repairs on schoolhouses	150 00
	\$1876 41
Total amount of disbursements	\$9853 10
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1904	1796 88
	\$11649 98
Total amount of receipts	\$11649 98

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. KENYON, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Plainfield, have examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer, selectmen and other agents of the town, also the accounts of the treasurer of the school district of the town of Plainfield, and find the same properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRED MOULTON }
ALVAH B. CHELLIS } Auditors

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The library trustees would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1903	\$ 1 19
Received on order from selectmen	58 80
" for fines and use of books by non-residents	7 18
	\$67 17

Seventy volumes have been added during the year.

Paid for 2 volumes Cram's Atlas of the	
World	\$10 00
" 62 volumes	49 37
Express on same	1 30
Paid for book covers and self binders	2 75
" printed numbers	25
" mucilage, glue and postage	52
	\$64 19
Balance	\$2 98

As a volume of Cram's Atlas has been purchased for each library, we have not been able to add as large a number of books as we otherwise might, but we feel that we have procured a good class of books, equal in quality if not in quantity to former years. Six volumes have been received as gifts: "Glengarry School Days," given by Mrs. J. T. Byrant; "Held by His Hand," given by Mrs. Lucy Wyman; "Black Beauty," given by George Byrant; "Treasure Island," given by O. S. Vining; "Rise and Progress of the Standard Oil Co.," "Daniel Webster the Orator."

MARION EASTMAN	}	Library trustees
JULIA A. BURR		
L. S. KENYON		

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR

No.		Author
1200	Pleasant Places in Nature and Life	G. B. Griffith
1201	Held by His Hand	Myra A. Proctor
1202	History of the World, Indexed (Meriden)	Cram
1203	“ “ (Plain)	“
1204	Treasure Island	R. L. Stevenson
1205	Glengarry School Days	Ralph Connor
1206	The Master of Millions	Lorimer
1207	A Wounded Name	Capt. Chas. King
1208	A Book of Joyous Children	Riley
1209	Ike Glidden	A. D. Paul
1210	His Daughter	Arthur S. Hardy
1211	The Colonial Cavalier	M. W. Goodwin
1212	A Woman Who Went to Alaska	M. K. Sullivan
1213	The Blue Flower	Van Dyke
1214	In the Fog	R. H. Davis
1215	Little Girl in Old Philadelphia	A. Douglass
1216	The World's Great Farm	Selina Gay
1217	The Under Dog	Hopkinson Smith
1218	Captain January	Laura Richards
1219	Westerfelt	Will N. Harben
1220	Letters of a Self-made Merchant to His Son	Lorimer
1221	People You Know	George Ade
1222	Lovey Mary	Alice H. Rice
1223	Gabriel Tolliver	J. C. Harris
1224	Darrell of the Blessed Isles	J. Bacheller
1225	The Captain's Toll Gate	F. Stockton
1226	Eastover Court House	Boone and Brow
1227	Mettle of the Pasture	Jas. B. Allen
1228	Madge, a Girl in Earnest	S. Jennie Smith
1229	Daniel Webster, the Orator	A. Pillsbury
1230	Rise and Progress of the Standard Oil Co.	Montague
1231	Beyond the Marshes	Ralph Connor
1232	Starbucks	Opie Read
1233	People of Our Neighborhood	M. E. Wilkins
1234	Cardigan	R. Chambers

1235	Joe's Paradise	Marshall Saunders
1236	Andy Barr	W. B. Hawkins
1237	The Filigree Ball	Green
1238	Starlight Ranch	Capt. Chas. King
1239	Rockhaven	Charles Munn
1240	The Gorilla Hunters	Ballantyne
1241	The Modern Obstacle	Alice Miller
1242	What Happened to Wigglesworth	W. O. Fuller
1243	The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come	John Fox
1244	Captain Machlin	R. H. Davis
1245	The Fortunes of Oliver Horn	Hopkinson Smith
1246	Prisoner of Zenda	Anthony Hope
1247	The Substitute	Will N. Harben
1248	The Boys with Old Hickory	Tomlinson
1249	Randy and Her Friends	Amy Brooks
1250	Great Revival in Australia	Revs. Alexander and Torrey
1251	Pioneers of France	Parkman
1252	Jesuits of North America	"
1253	LaSalle and the Discovery of the Great West	"
1254	A Garrison Tangle	Capt. Chas. King
1255	Rival Bicyclists	Bonehill
1256	From Canal Boy to President	Alger
1257	The Hermit	C. C. Munn
1258	Captain Dreams	Capt. Charles King
1259	The Last Meeting	Brander Matthews
1260	Under False Colors	Sarah Doudney
1261	The Uncalled	Paul L. Dunbar
1262	May Martin	D. P. Thompson
1263	Found in the Philippines	Capt. Chas. King
1264	Tempest and Sunshine	Mary J. Holmes
1265	The Splendid Spur	A. T. Quiller Couch
1266	The Leopard's Spots	T. Dixon, Jr.
1267	Now or Never	Optic
1268	Dear Dunham	Alger
1269	Black Beauty	A. Sewell

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the citizens of Plainfield :—

We herewith present you the annual report of the management of the town schools.

During the past year your school board has maintained nine different schools. Each school, with the exception of the one on Methodist Hill, has had three terms of work. The School Board think it wise with the situation as it is in this town to keep open these nine schools. With the schools as small as most of them are, the teachers certainly have an unrivalled opportunity to help the individual student.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of an excellent corps of teachers. Our town girls are making most satisfactory teachers and we desire to retain their services. Each of our "out of town" teachers is experienced, and their work also has been excellent. We believe it will be impossible to maintain our standard of teachers for the coming year at as small a salary as was paid them during the past year. Experience and success speedily demand increased remuneration. Some of our best teachers leave the service of the town because we are not able to compete with the neighboring towns in the matter of wages. It seems unfortunate that we are obliged to lose our town girls after we have given them sufficient practice and experience in teaching to assure recognition of their ability.

Until the present year the situation as to the school on Methodist Hill was very unsatisfactory. Early in the spring your Board met that of Enfield, and made the following agreements:—Plainfield shall maintain twenty-three weeks of school, shall keep the schoolhouse in repair, and furnish books

to all the pupils; Enfield shall pay her per cent of the expense for teachers' wages and for wood.

The number of visits by parents and friends is larger than in some years past. This indicates a gratifying interest in the welfare of our schools.

We are indebted to Mr. Porter and to Mr. Woodward of the Brook division for donating their services in beautifying the school yard; to the people at East Plainfield for raising money for curtains and windows; to the teacher, students, and friends of the Brook School for the flag and pole which they so kindly procured and presented to the town.

The Whitaker School is the only school in town where every pupil's name is on the roll of honor for the entire year.

Following will be found the section of law relating to school attendance, the roll of honor, table of statistics, and the treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA S. PENNIMAN	}	Members of School Board
ERNEST ROLISTON WOODBURY		
WESLEY W. JORDAN		

CHAPTER 93, SECTION 14

Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school all the time such school is in session, unless the child shall be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school for the period required, or because he was instructed in the English language in a private school approved by the school board for a number of weeks equal to that in which the public school was in session in the common English branches, or, having acquired those branches, in other more advanced studies. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of this section shall be fined ten dollars for the first offense and twenty dollars for every subsequent offense, for the use of the district.

STATISTICS

School	Term	Teacher	No. of Pupils	Wages per month	Length in wks.
Black Hill	Spring	Lulu M. Jenney	13	\$20	10
	Fall	"	12	20	9
	Winter	"	9	20	11
Brook	Spring	Jennie Swackhamer	12	\$22	10
	Fall	"	11	22	11
	Winter	"	14	22	9
East Plainfield	Spring	Lillian Hammond	7	\$22	9
	Fall	Helen Freeman	9	20	9
	Winter	"	6	22	11
Meriden	Spring	Grace Colby	27	\$30	10
	Fall	Mary Jordan	32	28	9
	Winter	"	25	28	11
Methodist Hill	Spring	Sarah A. Mason	11	\$22	11
	Fall	"	11	24	12
Plain	Spring	Mary E. Westgate	36	\$32	10
	Fall	Luella F. Smith	36	30	9
	Winter	"	28	30	11
Penniman	Spring	Amy I. Hilliard	11	\$26	10
	Fall	"	12	26*	9
	Winter	"	9	24	11
True	Spring	Lucy L. Eastman	8	\$18	9
	Fall	"	8	19	9
	Winter	Sarah A. Mason	7	20	9
Whitaker	Spring	Helen Freeman	8	\$18	10
	Fall	Frances M. Sanborn	6	18	11
	Winter	"	6	20	8

*Taught one week without pay.

ROLL OF HONOR

One term—Prudence H. Hanscom, Clesson O. Bostree, Will F. Holt, Marion West, Vera Washburn, Forest Washburn, Claude O. Bonner, May Goodwin, Willie H. Talbot, Esther V. West, Shirley H. French, Edith M. Alexander, Proctor Jordan, Rose Hill, Ethel Dimick, Frank Carr, Ruth Lewin, Marguerite Lewin, Inez Clark, Edgar Carpenter, Guy G. Freeman.

Two terms—Mary A. Daniels, Arthur J. Bostree, Dora M. Carey, Ella Campbell, May A. Rogers, Freddie A. Rogers, Willie E. Goodwin, Brenice S. Kimball, Mildred D. Kimball, Maud Emery, Freeman Spaulding, Lillian Katsch, Hazel Katsch, Hazel Freeman.

Three terms—Alta M. West, Villa D. Alexander, Laura Woodward, Harold P. West, Carrie E. Rogers, Lena A. Rogers, Hattie A. Rogers, Cora H. Goodwin, Hattie Woodworth, Clifford E. Millner, Carl F. Millner, Howard A. Millner, Christie E. Millner, Ethel M. Millner, Gertrude M. Millner.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

School District of Plainfield in account with Wesley W. Jordan, district treasurer.

SCHOOL MONEY

Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1903	\$ 450 41
Required to be raised by law	1176 00
Raised by vote of district	230 00
Received from Enfield	103 53
“ Frank Corey for wood	6 87
“ Mrs. Geo. Read overdrawn check	2 00
Of literary fund	112 69
“ land rent	80 24
“ Dog tax	127 48
Total	\$2289 22

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1903	\$ 450 41
Received of town treasurer on orders selectmen	1726 41
“ From Enfield district treasurer	103 53
“ “ Frank Corey for wood	6 87
“ “ Mrs. Geo. Read, overdrawn check	2 00
Total	<u>\$2289 22</u>

EXPENDITURES

Amount paid teachers	\$1794 55
Cornish for tuition	43 00
For transportation	161 00
“ janitor service	27 53
“ board	10 00
“ cleaning	15 05
“ wood	63 57
“ miscellaneous expenses	17 87
Balance in treasury	156 65
Total	<u>\$2289 22</u>

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Received from town treasurer on order selectmen	\$189 04
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EXPENDITURES

Paid for school supplies	\$189 04
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REPAIR FUND

Raised by vote of district	\$150 00
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RECEIPTS

Received of town treasurer on order selectmen	\$150 00
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EXPENDITURES

Paid for repairs on school buildings	\$146 34
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Balance in treasury	3 66
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	\$150 00
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Births Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (If any)	Sex and Con.		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
			Male	Female								
Jan. 22	M	W. G. Kimball	M		1 Bruce W. Kimball	Carry Chapman	Meriden	Laborer	Grantham	Meriden	37	22
Feb. 25	P	E. G. Williams	F		2 Herbert Williams	Emma Gibson	Plainfield	Farmer	"	Plainfield	27	25
Feb. 27	P	E. G. Hersey	F		8 Charles Hersey	Carry V. Fadden	"	Painter	"	Manchester	35	31
Feb. 9	P	Madaline Hill	F		2 B. Smith Hill	Florence Bythrow	"	Farmer	Pesmelville, N. J.	Lebanon	38	21
Mar. 16	P	Foster	F		1 Fred H. Foster	Florence E. Dow	"	Laborer	Hartford, Vt.	Plainfield	38	25
Mar. 16	P	Mossey	M		2 William M. Mossey	Ethel May Lewin	"	Farmer	Plainfield	"	31	31
May 7	M	Stearns	M		4 O. A. Stearns	Bertha Woodward	Meriden	Farmer	Cornish	"	47	29
May 27	P	Chester C. Cobb	M		1 Clarence C. Cobb	Agnes C. Hadley	Plainfield	Laborer	Ludlow, Vt.	Meriden	36	33
June 6	M	Meyers	F		2 Geo. Meyers	Lillian Dean	"	Farmer	Hartford, Vt.	Plainfield	37	18
July 7	P	Milner	F		1 Freeman J. Milner	Ellen E. Colby	"	Farmer	Bear River, N. C.	"	28	24
July 7	P	Gray	F		3 Rosco J. Gray	Edna E. Woodman	"	Carpenter	Chester, Vt.	"	34	35
July 12	P	Davidson	F		3 Fred I. Davidson	Eda B. Stickney	"	Farmer	Hartford, Vt.	Hartford, Vt.	34	24
Sept. 16	P	Talbert	M		3 Maurice E. Talbert	Henrietta Fuller	East Plainfield	Merchant	East Plainfield	Plainfield	27	26
Oct. 14	P	Whitaker	F		2 John H. Whitaker	Sarah F. Colby	Plainfield	Farmer	Plainfield	Plainfield	49	27
Aug. 26	M	Smith	F		1 Geo. W. Smith	Sarah Ritchie	Meriden	Farmer	"	Nova Scotia	26	26
Dec. 20	M	John W. Mason	F		2 L. Chandler Mason	Lydia E. Sanborn	"	Laborer	Hanover	Plainfield	30	30
Dec. 23	P	Bettrice G. Clark	F		2 Walter B. Clark	Lucy S. Melendy	"	Laborer	Lebanon	Hanover	22	20

Marriages Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date of Marriage 1903	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. of Marriage	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married
June 2	Plainfield	William B. Tracy	Cornish	25	Farmer	Cornish	Stephen A. Tracy	Cornish	Farmer	1	Rev. Geo. C. Trow, Plainfield
		Pearle E. Hadley	Plainfield	16	Housekeeper	Plainfield	Agnes Bailey	Springfield	Housewife		
Aug. 5	Plainfield	Harold W. Chellis	Meriden	27	Farmer	Meriden	Arthur L. Hadley	Plainfield	Farmer	1	Rev. Geo. C. Trow, Plainfield
		Mary E. Westgate	Plainfield	23	Teacher	Plainfield	Cynthia Plummer	Meriden	Housewife		
Oct. 7	Plainfield	Leon D. Clark	Plainfield	23	Farmer	Plainfield	Electa H. Watkins	Covington, N. Y.	Farmer		Rev. A. J. Bailey, Meriden
		Lillian B. Rice	Cornish	19	Housekeeper	Bear River, N. S.	Daniel C. Westgate	Plainfield	Housewife	1	Rev. Geo. C. Trow, Plainfield
Nov. 12	Meriden	John Mills	Windsor, Vt.	24	Farmer	Russia	Clara Stone	"	Farmer		
		Kate M. Pierce	Windsor, Vt.	16	Housekeeper	Plainfield	Susan L. Prichard	Green Garden, Ill.	Housewife	1	Rev. Amos J. Bailey, Meriden
Nov. 3	Meriden	John F. Cann	Meriden	34	Hotel Man.	Hebron, N. S.	Herbert F. Rice	Bear River, N. S.	Farmer		
		Minnie Wood	Meriden	38	Leisure	Meriden	Ella Desanig	Russia	Housewife	2	Rev. Albert J. Lord, Meriden, Conn.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	S. & C.		Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Male	Female					
								Colors					
								S, M, or W.					
Jan. 13	P	Mary J. Alexander	26			Plainfield	F		Housewife	Plainfield	Plainfield	Darwin Jordan	Henrietta Sweet
Feb. 16	P	Mildred P. Davidson	4	9	27	Plainfield	F		Housewife	Chesler, Vt.	"	Fred I. Davidson	Eda F. Stickney
May 31	U	Lois Brocklebank	83			Plainfield	F		Housewife	Sutton	Center Harbor	John French	Harriet Barry
Apr. 6	P	Russel B. French	66	11	4	"	M		Farmer	Plainfield	So. Hampton,	Samuel Davis	Mariah Hadley
May 11	M	Samuel Davis	81	3	9	"	M		Housewife	Plainfield	Salisbury	Jacob Rowell	Polly Currier
July 15	P	Arabel R. Moulton	67	6	13	"	F		Farmer	"	Chester	Lewis Jordan	Xarifa Sanborn
July 29	P	Lewis S. Jordan	29	6	28	"	M		"	"	Lebanon	William Wallace	Lucy Ladine
Nov. 15	P	Asa A. Walker	63	3	3	Lebanon	M		"	Lebanon	Plainfield	John Wood	Persis Hyde
Nov. 16	P	Alban P. Wood	83	9	18	Plainfield	M		"	Plainfield	"	John Westgate	Almira Palmer
Nov. 17	P	John Westgate	63			Cornish	F		Housewife	Windsor, Vt.	"	Charles Bythrow	Lucy Marsh
Dec. 2	P	Florence Bythrow	22	10	1	Windsor, Vt.	M		Farmer	"	"	John Barker	Betsey Newman
Dec. 7	P	John Baker	74	3									

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PERLEY ROBERTS, Town Clerk.

